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1. On 2 January 1953, the Fliegerhorst Kaserne in Oschatz was still occupied by about 900 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets including about 600 soldiers with tank insignia. About 60 soldiers did fatigue duty in the billeting area and troop quarters in the afternoon. Heavy weapons could not be observed. The view into the billeting area was blocked by the newly repaired fence.
2. On 2 January, the Infanterie Kaserne was still occupied by about 350 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and 600 soldiers with black-bordered crimson epaulets. In the morning, 6 soldiers serviced 3 trucks and 1 sedan in front of the garages in the western sector of the installation, and about 15 soldiers did maintenance work on 3 BA-64 armored scout cars in a garage. About 30 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were observed working on 18 gun carriages belonging to 120-mm mortars. Fifteen trucks were seen in the garages in the eastern sector of the installation. Three platoons of about 30 EM each left the Infanterie Kaserne. The soldiers wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and were armed with rifles and submachine guns. A group of 20 EM with red-bordered black epaulets, led by a captain and a lieutenant, hauled 4 x 122-mm mortars from the installation toward the Gartenkolonie where 5 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were practicing aiming with 2 mortars of the same caliber.

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25X1A Comment. The previous two reports confirmed the 23rd Tank Regt of the 9th Tank Div stationed at the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, and the 8th Mtz Rifle Regt of the same division at the Infanterie Kaserne in Oschatz. See . The present report indicates no major changes.

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For some time, there have been no indications that the unidentified engineer battalion of the 9th Tank Div, previously carried in Oschatz, is still stationed there. It may possibly be quartered in the Mudra Kaserne in Riesa. See . The unidentified tank training battalion, , is believed to be stationed at the Zeithain troop training grounds from this installation.

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